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Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract.

A method and apparatus for streaming content to an access network in an interactive information distribution system. The method ~~initially~~ encapsulates the content in accordance to an Internet Protocol (IP). ~~In one embodiment, the content is configured as a plurality of a MPEG-2 packets contained in a payload of a Realtime Transport Protocol (RTP) packet that is contained in an IP packet.~~ The content is then transcoded into a format supported by the access network, and streamed over a distribution network to a remote server or to a subscriber terminal that is coupled to the access network. The apparatus is embodied as ~~at least one~~ stream caching server for streaming the said content encapsulated within the ~~as an Internet Protocol (IP) packet to at least one access networks~~ via a stream distribution network in response to a request for content, ~~where the content is encapsulated within the IP packet.~~ A packet processor is coupled to the ~~at least one~~ stream server for processing the encapsulated content within the IP packets into ~~at least one packet~~ in a format native to the ~~at least one~~ access network.

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